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This Week:

- Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Community Meetings
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- Chetzemoka Ferry Update
- Meeting with Bremerton Contingent

Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Community Meetings

We are preparing for our next round of community meetings. We will discuss efficiencies and reform, the 2011 legislative session, our new vessel program, WSF's action plan in response to the Passenger Vessel Association report, and current operations. I hope you can join me in your community.

- Wed., Nov. 10, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Anacortes, Joint Meeting with the Rotary Club
- Wed., Nov. 17, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Bremerton
- Thu., Nov. 18, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Kingston
- Mon., Nov. 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Port Orchard (Southworth)
- Tue., Nov. 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Bainbridge Island
- Mon., Dec. 6, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Port Townsend, Joint Meeting with the Jefferson County Chamber
- Thu., Dec. 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Vashon Island
- Mon., Dec. 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Langley (Whidbey Island)
- Tue., Dec. 14, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Friday Harbor, San Juan Islands. Note that this meeting will be streamed live at www.sanjuanco.com/council/video.aspx#mode.live

For more information on topics and locations, please visit
www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/commuterupdates/pub_meetings.htm

State Transportation Commission Issues Ferry Fare Proposal

The Washington State Transportation Commission has released a draft ferry fare adjustment proposal and is now seeking public comment. The fare proposal was developed by WSF in consultation with the Ferry Advisory Committee on Tariffs, an advisory group made up of ferry riders. The Commission is holding two public hearings: Thursday, Nov. 4 on the interisland ferry and Monday, Nov. 15 in Seattle. To view the draft proposal and learn more about this process, please visit www.wstc.wa.gov.

Chetzemoka Ferry Update

Chetzemoka sea trials have shown that more protection is needed at the four corners of the vessel, requiring additional rub rails. The construction design included rub rails with about 5-inch standoff from the side of the vessel. During sea trials, we recognized a potentially serious risk of damage to the installed Marine Evacuation System (MES) from contact with the existing marine structures in our berths given this small standoff. The addition of an additional 12-inch rub rail is more in line with the rest of the fleet and should minimize the risk. The rub rail modification should ensure continued operations once in service. The Chetzemoka was towed to Everett Shipyard earlier this week for the installation and should return to sea trials next week. Plans remain on track for the inaugural sailing of the new ferry Chetzemoka on Sunday, Nov. 14. For more information on WSF's new vessel program, please visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/64carferries/

Meeting with Bremerton Contingent

On Tuesday, I met with Rep. Seaquist, Bremerton Mayor Patty Lent, and Bremerton City Councilmember Adam Brockus to discuss a variety of issues, including the upcoming legislative session, our new vessel program, and the revenue needs of the system. On the way to Bremerton, I had enjoyable discussions with Captain Stephen Erland and crew members from the Kitsap "A" watch as well as Chief Engineer Stephen Marks and the Kitsap "C" watch. I would like to thank them for their work to safely get our customers to and from their destinations.

Next Week:

- Secretary's Planning Meeting
- Kwa-di Tabil Class Ferries Progress Meeting

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